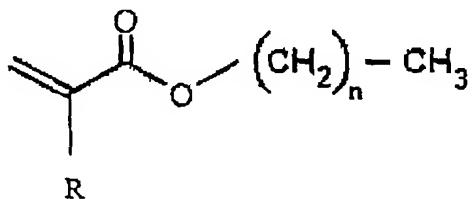


A B S T R A C T

The invention relates to a mounting medium that can be used in the preparation
5 of slides for investigation by microscopy techniques. More in particular the mounting
medium comprises a solution, in at least one organic solvent selected from the group
consisting of saturated hydrocarbons optionally mixed with one or more alcohols, of at
least one (meth)acrylate resin based on one or more monomers having formula I:

10 Formula I:



wherein R is hydrogen or a methyl group and n has a value of 0-19.

15 The mounting medium of the invention is particularly suited for use in
histochemistry, immunochemistry and/or cytochemistry, i.e. to provide slides of
samples of blood, cells tissue or other biological fluids or materials, including but not
limited to samples/materials which have been stained to facilitate microscopic
examination, e.g. for scientific and/or diagnostic purposes.